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**R E M A R K S**

In the restriction requirement of May 13, 2005, the applicants were required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Species I consisted of Figs. 1-2B and 4A-5, and Species II consisted of Fig. 3. The applicants elect Species I, Figs. 1-2B and 4A-5.

The applicants were further required to designate the claims that read on the elected species. Claims 1-37, 45-51 and 53-55 read on Species I. The applicants acknowledge the Examiner's finding that the independent claims are generic to Species I and Species II.

It is respectfully requested that the substantive examination of the present application be commenced forthwith.

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